

LEVI REMICK.

FEBRUARY 9, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CALDERHEAD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6703.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6703) granting an increase of pension to Levi Remick, submit the following report:

This bill proposes to increase the pension of the beneficiary named therein from \$12 to \$50 per month.

Levi Remick, now 70 years of age, served as a private in Company I, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers, from February 10, 1862, to February 9, 1865, when honorably discharged.

Medical records show that he was under treatment at various dates in 1864 for rheumatism and sciatica.

He applied for pension under the general law in June, 1878, on account of a rupture of the right side, which claim was rejected in 1884 upon the ground of no record and claimant's inability to show origin of the same while in service and line of duty.

He is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total inability to earn a support by manual labor, due to disease of right testicle, sight, and prostate gland, and rheumatism and resulting disease of heart.

When last examined, on November 30, 1898, upon which examination he was granted the pension of \$12 per month under the act of June 27, 1890, the board of surgeons found him to be suffering from cardiac asthma, hypertrophy and dilatation of the heart, enlarged prostate gland, a soft cataract in each eye, with vision in right eye shortened to three-twentieths and six-twentieths in left eye, and enlargement of right testicle. The board of surgeons then stated that his memory was not bright; that they were not able, however, to give it a comparative test.

The statements of Doctors Reid and McDowell filed with your committee set forth that the beneficiary is now totally and permanently

disabled from performing manual labor by reason of heart trouble and asthma of a chronic nature, and other testimony filed shows that he is dependent upon his labor for a living.

The statement of Hon. Charles F. Scott, the member who introduced the bill, also filed with your committee, sets forth that he visited the beneficiary not long before coming to Washington and found both his mental and physical condition to be most deplorable; that the little property which he owned when his health broke down had been absorbed in living expenses and he has now no income except the pension of \$12 per month, and that his physical condition was such as to require the constant attendance of another person.

It being shown that this soldier, who rendered three years of faithful service and who is now quite aged, is so disabled as to require the constant aid and attendance of another person and is in destitute circumstances, an increase of his pension from \$12 to \$30 per month, following precedents, is warranted.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended when the same shall have been amended as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

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